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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Analysis Division  
Chief, Industrial Division  
Chief, Materials Division  
Chief, Services Division

SUBJECT: Opportunity for ERA Participation  
in Sandia Base Special Weapons  
Orientation Course

1. Since it makes eminent good sense for as many of us as possible in the economic intelligence business to develop at least a conceptual appreciation of modern weaponry and the associated national security implications, I asked [redacted] to prepare a 25X1A9a brief evaluation of the course at Sandia, which he recently attended. This evaluation is attached.

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2. From [redacted] memorandum it will be seen that he is enthusiastic about the possible benefit to be derived by ERA personnel from the Sandia orientation course. A major restriction upon us is that students are required to have "Q" clearance and our selections must be taken from the list of ERA personnel who have such clearance.

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3. [redacted] ERA Training Liaison Officer, would like to schedule participation by ERA personnel in advance and has provided us with a schedule of the dates the course is to be given in the ensuing several months. I would be grateful if you would examine this schedule, a copy of which is attached, and indicate convenient dates for participation of your cleared personnel, by name, who have not had the course within the last 3-4 years (or the condensed version of it which has from time to time been given at the Pentagon). From your suggestions [redacted] will undertake to develop a schedule of ERA personnel participation for our approval. The duration of the course at Sandia is five days.

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4. Also attached for your information is a copy of the course syllabus.

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Deputy Chief, Economic Research Area

Enclosures:

1. "Evaluation of Special Weapons Orientation Course at Sandia Base, New Mexico"
2. Schedule for Special Weapons Orientation Course offerings
3. Course Syllabus

Distribution:  
1 - Addressees 25X1A9a  
1 - St/A (Attn [REDACTED])  
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